in the major metropolitan cities in the country Government have made any assessment of the magnitude of the rising health hazards and the need for adequate health services to meet the requirement by aooi A. D.; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) and (b) There has been no countrywide collection of data or any projection about the magnitude of the rising health hazards in the wake of the increasing urbanisation and growth of urban slums. However, certain limited studies done in Delhi and Calcutta indicate increasing incidence of diseases like Malaria Gastro-intestinal disorders, Respiratory diseases, Viral infections, Tuberculosis, skin diseases and certain other non-communicable diseases like heart diseases, hypertan-sions etc. There is now a general awareness amongst the urban planners about the nexus existing between the supply of drinking water, the crowding and congestion, the existence or otherwise of sanitary facilities simultaneously with the sterengthen-ing of the health infrastructure so as to improve the health status of the people living in such areas. Necessary corrective measures are being taken by the concerned Urban Planning authorities. The Ministry of Health is also planning to provide certain basic out-reach services in urban slums in cities with apopulation of more than one lakh.

Suspension of the Officials of the Indian Airlines

1685. SHRI KAPIL VERMA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that three senior officials of Indian Airlines at Delhi airport, including the air port manager and two deputy commercial managers were suspended on February 13, 1986 under the orders of the Minister of State for Civil Aviation pending enquiry into charges of neglect of Stranded passengers, if so, what are the details in this regard ;

(b) what are the details of the preliminary enquiry report and by when the full enquiry is to be com pleted and at what level ; and

(c) what measures are being taken to prevent recurrence of such harass ment in such an emergency and also to ensure better treatment and ameni* ties for passengers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) An airport manager and two deputy commercial managers of Indian Airlines posted at Delhi Airport were suspended on the 13th of February, 1986 by the management of Indian Airlines.

(b) and (c) The investigations have revealed that adequate steps were not taken by the officers concerned to ensure facilitation of passengers awaiting departure in the security hold area with the result that they were put to inconvenience. A more imaginative and apthandling of the situation would have avoided the incident. The officers concerned h ave been cautioned to be more careful in future. Instructions have been issue d indicating the steps to be taken to meet such situations in future. An officer of a senior level has been posted at the airport who has the adequate authority to deal with such situations..